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PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, I've heard . . . and Senators, I've heard the question given very explicitly regarding whether or not these applications would be filled out with security. I haven't heard the answer very clearly as to how secure the situation would be as you fill out this form that there would be no prejudicial information given while they were being filled out in front of a notary public. I wonder if Senator Mills would answer that question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills could you answer that question?

SENATOR MILLS: No, I couldn't hear it.

SENATOR SWIGART: The question was, in election commissioners office, when you go to fill out a form, there's extreme carefulness that no prejudice is exercised regarding one party or another. How would this same security be exercised where you had the card in some kind of a hall where a number of people were meeting? How would we be certain that you'd have the same secrecy and unbiased conditions prevalent?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Swigart, it's the identical, same form.

SENATOR SWIGART: But how about the people that are offering the information, or the notary public?

SENATOR MILLS: Well I really can't speak for them, Senator Swigart. That's going way on beyond. I don't even know that those commissioners here . . . these commissioners would have to approve those people, say that they think they were all right as they do their own assistants, I'm sure. They approve those people, Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Each individual would have to be approved?

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, they'd have to be approved, Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would have to oppose Senator George's amendment. I would want to compliment him on his earlier election bill that broadens and makes it easier for people to get registered in the State of Nebraska. However, on this one when our county clerks, some of them, use the registration procedure to make it difficult for people to vote. This bill, as amended, will merely simplify getting people registered. It's been tested in South Dakota. It's been tried. We're not trying something new. What we're doing, as this bill stands without the amendment, is doing exactly what the voters want. What the people want, they want it to be easy to register. The whole purpose of registration was to prevent people from voting that were not qualified to vote. This merely forces